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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMS 479 AND 486

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The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the revised instructions accompanying the FCC Form 479 (Certification by Administrative Authority to Billed Entity of Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act) and FCC Form 486 (Receipt of Service Confirmation Form). Applicants are required to make their Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) certifications on these forms. While the forms themselves did not change, the instructions to these forms have been updated to include a new certification from the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act which will be required of applicants starting July 1, 2012.

Pursuant to these updates, the instructions to FCC forms 479 and 486 state "[b]eginning July 1, 2012, when schools certify their compliance with CIPA, they will also be certifying that their Internet safety policies have been updated to provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response." The instructions to the forms are dated August 2011 and the forms retain the date April 2007. The revised instructions are attached to this Public Notice for informational purposes only. Applicants may file electronically or download the instructions and forms from USAC's website, at www.usac.org/sl.

The Bureau submitted a revision of the information collection for FCC Forms 479 and 486 (collection 3060-0853) for OMB approval pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.³ This information collection was approved by OMB on August 30, 2011 and expires October 31, 2013.⁴

¹ See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, CC Docket Nos. 02-6 and 09-51, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 11819 (2011).

² See OMB Website, View Information Collection (IC), http://reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAOMBHistory?ombControlNumber=3060-0853 (last visited Oct. 28, 2011).

³ Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested for Collection 3060-0853, 75 Fed. Reg. 34,738 (June 18, 2010); Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Comments Requested for Collection 3060-0853, 75 Fed. Reg. 52,004 (August 24, 2010).

⁴ See OMB Website, OMB Control Number History, http://reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAOMBHistory?ombControlNumber=3060-0853 (last visited Oct. 28, 2011).

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